

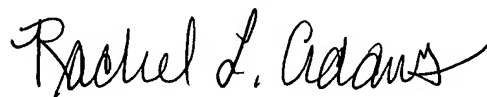
### Remarks

This Second Preliminary Amendment is intended to supplement the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 11, 2004, in which claims 1-44 were cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter, and in which new claims 45-60 were added.

In this Second Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to include an incorporation by reference of the substitute sequence listing. The specification has also been amended at pages 63-64 to provide a reference to a specific sequence identifier in the Sequence Listing. No new matter enters by these amendments. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in the corrected sequence listing and in the specification at page 63-64.

The presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 202.942.5512 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

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